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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR, LE
SUBJECT: SECURITY SITUATION AT BEIRUT AIRPORT

1. ACCORDING TO REGIONAL PANAM REP (PROTECT CLOSELY)
BEIRUT AIRPORT DIRECTOR KHARAT TOLD REPRESENTATIVES
OF FOREIGN AIRLINES IN CONFIDENCE THAT SECURITY
SITUATION AT BEIRUT AIRPORT WAS DANGEROUS. IN
FACT, HE SURPRISED THERE HAD BEEN NO SABOTAGE
INCIDENTS IN LAST FEW WEEKS.

2. ADF FORCES AT AIRPORT ARE CONSCIOUS ONLY OF
THEIR ROLE TO COLLECT HEAVY WEAPONS AND CHEERFULLY
OBLIVIOUS TO OTHER ASPECTS OF AIRPORT SECUIRYT.
YOUNG SOLDIERS ON GUARD ARE LETTING PEOPLE HOLDING
TEN YEAR OLD AIRPORT PASSES WANDER AROUND BUILDING.
FURTHERMORE, THERE HAS BEEN SOME SPORADIC SHOOTING DIRECTED
AT AIRCRAFT LANDING AND TAKING OFF FROM PALESTINIANS
IN REFUGEE CAMPS (PRESUMABLY CHATILA) LOCATED
JUST BEYOND RUNWAY 03. THIS DANGER HAS NOT
LESSENNED DESPITE PERIODIC PASTING SYRIAN ARTILLERY
GIVES CHATILA.

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3. PANAM REP CONFIDED THAT PANAM HAS NO INTENTIONS
RESTORE SERVICE TO BEIRUT IN NEAR FUTURE AND REPORTS
SUCH AS ABOVE MERELY CONFIRM THIS POSITION.
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